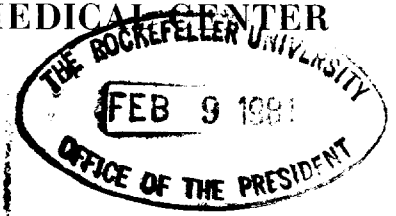


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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I am truly delighted that Martin Carter is coming to establish a Dermatology Research Program at Rockefeller University.

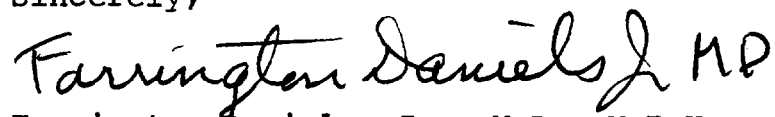
Research in Dermatology is in its logarithmic growth phase, as witness how xeroderma pigmentosum, pseudoxanthoma elasticum, epidermolysis bullosa, psoriasis, and many other skin diseases which were often dismissed in the past as aberrations in the mind of dermatologists or even the subject of carnival side-shows: The stoneman with dermatomyositis, the Indian Rubber person with Ehler Danlos syndrome and so on. Skin diseases like acne and psoriasis cause more heartbreaks and life-long shame and suffering for more people than many of the fatal diseases on which medical curricula are presumably based.

While I do not yet know what Martin has in mind for the clinical side of his program he will be welcomed here for however much he wishes. However, I foresee the future of Dermatology at Cornell as a centerwide training program. At present we have Dr. Richard Bodaness, as a full-time assistant professor here. At Memorial Dr. Bijan Safai has been full-time head of the Dermatology service and Memorial Hospital supports one resident salary, and all residents rotate through Memorial serving both the in-patient service and the out-patient clinic there. Martin Carter will be in charge of Dermatology at the Rockefeller University, and I hope will offer resident and student electives there. I have just learned on Feb. 2, that Dr. Michael Jacobs, who is currently my chief resident, will be offered a position which will make him partly salaried and the Head of Dermatology at HSS. I have suggested to Dr. Christian that perhaps a similar arrangement for resident support might be considered between HSS and the Rockefeller University, as is now done by Memorial Hospital. I do not believe that either Memorial or HSS has a large and diversified enough patient population to support a residency program on their own.



My own interest extend far beyond clinical dermatology particularly into environmental physiology and pathology, and I am taking the liberty of enclosing my C.V. and publications. As I said earlier, my attraction to Dermatology is that it is the interface of the organism with the environment, and in all the stratospheric ozone questions "skin cancer epidemiology has been the thermometer, not the fever".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Farrington Daniels, Jr. M.D." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and titles.

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